



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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Ms. Judith Bender, Chairperson
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
(Meskwaki Nation)
349 Meskwaki Rd.
Tama, Iowa 52339-9629

Mr. Curtis Seymour, Public Works Director
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
(Meskwaki Nation)
1632 305th Street
Tama, Iowa 52339-9629

RE: Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation)
Public Water System, Federal ID No.: 070000003

Dear Chairperson Bender and Mr. Seymour:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 recognizes the Sac & Fox Tribe (Meskwaki Nation) as a Community Water System, as defined by the Safe Drinking Water Act 40 CFR § 141.2. Region 7, is the Primacy Agency tasked with oversight of the Meskwaki Nation Public Water System. Every PWS in the United States is required to perform regular testing of its drinking water to make sure it is safe for human consumption.

Significant Deficiency Resolution

The EPA conducted a Sanitary Survey of the Meskwaki Nation Public Water System in September 2013, in which four significant deficiencies were identified. The EPA is providing this letter as notice of the resolution of all the significant deficiencies, according to documentation and photographs provided by the Meskwaki Nation Public Water System in March 2014.

Notice of Violation and Return To Compliance

Failure to Monitor – Nitrates 40 CFR § 141.23

The EPA records indicate that the Sac & Fox Meskwaki PWS failed to perform the required annual



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sampling for Nitrates in 2013. This failure to conduct monitoring was confirmed during a comprehensive review of the Sac & Fox Meskwaki PWS sample schedule and submitted sample results. A phone call with the Sac & Fox Meskwaki Operator in Responsible Charge confirmed the findings of the EPA review.

On May 6, 2014, the Sac & Fox Tribe (Meskwaki Nation) submitted to the EPA the required sample results and the EPA has determined that the Sac & Fox Tribe (Meskwaki Nation) Community Water System has returned to compliance. No further actions are required at this time. The Nitrate sample taken on January 20, 2014, did not contain any Maximum Contaminant Level violations and will resolve the missing sample for 2013 and be applied to the required annual sampling period in 2014.

Should you have any questions please contact me or Kimberly Willis, of my staff, at 913-551-7069 or at willis.kimberly@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Tietjen Mindrup".

Mary Tietjen Mindrup, Chief
Drinking Water Management Branch

cc: Roger Eberhart, Water Operator, Sac & Fox Tribe of Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation)
Denny Haag, Indian Health Service